



AUGUST &
SEPTEMBER
2023



NEXT MONTH

10/3-Fall Picture Day

10/10-PTA Meeting

**10/12-10/13-Grade 4
Overnight Field Trip to
Arlington Echo**

**10/17-Unity Day & Two
Hour Early Dismissal**

10/27-Boo Grams

**10/30 -Two Hour Early
Dismissal**

**10/31 -Two Hour Early
Dismissal & Halloween
Parade @ 8:30 am**

Office Hours

M-F

7:15am-3:15pm



Dear Bodkin Families,

Every year I say this, but time seems to go faster in the summer. Mrs. Wenzel and I hope you made wonderful memories with your family and friends. Our staff has been working very hard getting ready for the 2023-24 school year. Not only did we get a fresh coat of paint, BUT our amazing PTA has also made our school theme, **"Plant Kindness and Watch it Grow"** come to life.

I look forward to seeing the excitement from our students during "Meet the Teacher." We have added some new members to our Bodkin team. Be sure to check out their bios.

Our Bodkin Banner will be sent to your email on the first of every month. Be sure to peruse each month as it is full of information and important dates. Please take the time to read through it carefully. If there is anything you wish could be included, please let us know and we will try to make it happen.

Here are some fun facts about this upcoming year that you may not have known:

*We have a very active PTA, including a [Bodkin PTA Facebook page](#) and a [website](#) full of information. The first meeting is September 12 at 6pm at Bodkin.

*We love to see your child's face each day! Please help us reach our attendance goal by having students on time and ready to learn each day!

**Our students will engage in Genius Hour to make learning come to life each Friday afternoon.

*We also have a school Twitter; follow us to stay informed [@BodkinAACPS](#).

**We are submitting our portfolio to be an EXCELLENCE IN GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION (EGATE) school and we are reapplying to keep our Green School status. Your input is welcomed and valued.

***We are in our final year for our AAA math grant. These funds supported math clubs, professional development for our teachers and much more! We can't wait to continue making math come to life at Bodkin.


***Our outdoor classroom is going to come to life this year.


**We are so excited to have a glow room ready for some engaging activities this school year!

***We love volunteers, and you can be involved in so many different ways. Stop by the Volunteer table at Meet the Teacher and/or Back to School Night.

We hope to see you at our Back to School Night (for grades 1-5) on Wednesday, September 13 at 6pm. Kindergarten will be meeting Wednesday, August 23 at 5:30. This wonderful informative night is for the adults in the family. New families to Bodkin in grades 1-5 will have a New Family Orientation at 1pm on Thursday August 24. Please know that we are a phone call or email away with any questions, comments, or concerns. Our door is always open!

Sincerely, Bonnie Myers, Principal

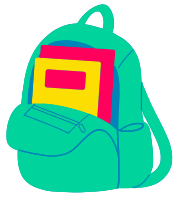
 Follow us on Twitter [@BodkinAACPS](#)

 Office 410-437-0464
Health Room 410-437-1418

 [Lunch Menu](#)



AUGUST / SEPTEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20	21	22	23 Pre-K & Kindergarten Back to School Night 5:30pm-6:30pm	24 New Student Orientation 1:00pm-2:00pm Meet the Teacher 2:00pm-3:00pm	25	26
27	28 Pre-K & Kindergarten Conferences First Day of school for grades 1-5	29	30 Waste Free Wednesday	31	1	2
3	4 Schools Closed Labor Day	5 All Pre-K & Kindergarten students attend	6 Waste Free Wednesday	7 Fitness Thursday CHS Back to School Night 6pm	8	9
10	11	12 PTA Meeting 6:00pm-7:00pm @ Bodkin	13 Waste Free Wednesday Back to School Night Gr. 1-5 6:00-7:00pm	14	15 Gr. 5 Drownproofing Field Trip	16 Rosh Hashannah
17	18 Gr. 5 Drownproofing Field Trip	19 Gr. 5 Drownproofing Field Trip	20 Waste Free Wednesday	21 Kindergarten Downs Park Field Trip	22	23
24	25 Schools Closed Yom Kippur	26	27 Waste Free Wednesday	28	29	30



Reminders

SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER



[Click here for calendar](#)

9/4 Schools Closed

9/25 Schools Closed

- Morning arrival is 7:40-8:00 am
- Instruction begins promptly at 8:00 am
- Students who arrive after 8:00 am will be marked late
- Dismissal begins at 2:25 pm

CHROMEBOOKS

Students in grades kindergarten, first and second grades will not be required to transport their Chromebook back and forth. A school Chromebook will be assigned to these students. Students in grades 3-5 will be required to bring their charged Chromebook to school each day. If you are new to our school, we will get them one on the first week of school.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Every student will be reviewing the student handbook during the first few weeks of school. We ask that families take some time to review and discuss with your child. The handbook can be found [here](#). Please sign the handbook acknowledgement form either virtually ([link](#)) or request a paper option from our front office or from your child's teacher.

TRANSPORTATION

Please help us ensure that your child's arrival and dismissal are smooth each day. Your adherence to the following is greatly appreciated:

1. Keep the car rider line moving. It is only intended for students who are prepared to exit and say goodbye quickly. Morning drop off is at the flag pole in front of Bodkin (park if you will need longer to disembark). Afternoon pick up is in the lower lot of Chesapeake Bay Middle School. Students must not be dropped off prior to **7:40 am**.

2. Keep the transportation plan consistent. Children thrive on routine and struggle to remember changes. While we understand that last minute changes are necessary from time to time, please try to adhere to a consistent transportation plan.

For last minute changes, make sure to send a signed note in with your child in the morning. In order to authorize a change, we must have your signature. Requests made via email or phone will require a fax or note dropped off at school before we will notify your child of a change of transportation procedure.

3. Behavior expectations are the same on the bus as in school. All of the same rules apply while riding on the bus! Remember, it's a privilege to ride the bus!

NO PARKING IN FIRE LANE AT ANY TIME

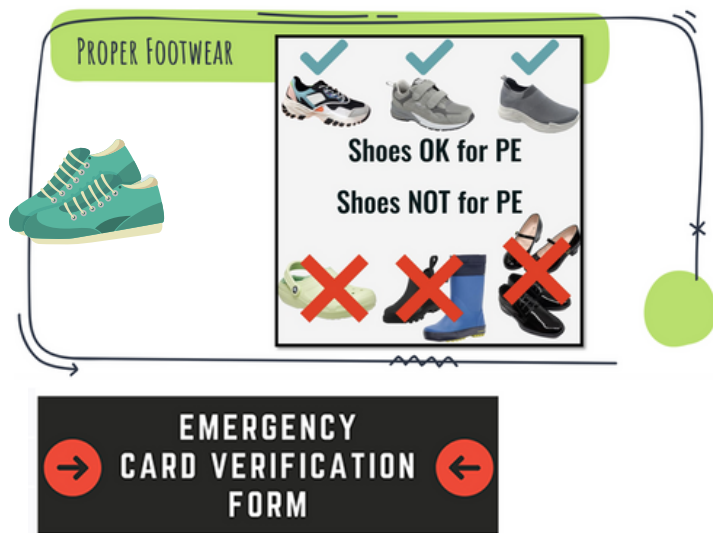
Parking in designated fire lanes and/or bus loops is prohibited. This prohibition extends to staff, students, visitors, spectators at athletic events, day care vans, and after school activity vans such as karate centers, clubs, etc. Any vehicle parked in a fire lane or obstructing a fire hydrant must be moved to an authorized parking space.

Maryland Motor Vehicle Law §21-101.1(b)2,3 states,

A person may not drive a motor vehicle in violation of any provision of this title on any property that is owned by or under the control of this State or any of its political subdivisions, county boards of education, or community colleges and that is open to vehicular traffic and used by the public in general. Any person who violates any provision of this subsection is in violation of the law to the same extent and is subject to the same penalty as if the motor vehicle were driven on a highway.

As you know, in a critical emergency, the loss of every minute caused by vehicles blocking fire and police department access can become critical.

If you have any questions, please contact Terri Whitehead, Supervisor of Transportation at 410-923-7890.



EMERGENCY CARDS

Each year, we ask families to update emergency information (phone numbers, email, emergency contacts) through the online portal.

Please do this right away if you have not updated for this upcoming year. If you need help with your child's PIN, please call Bodkin (410-437-0464).

PE NEWS

Please remember to send your child to school in appropriate footwear on PE days. Crocs are super popular now, but they are not tennis shoes. No boots or flip flops please. Students need to wear sneakers/tennis shoes on their assigned PE day. Thanks so much for your support!

What Bus Do You Ride?

Please look over the Bus Route Schedule very carefully and be sure that you and your student know what bus he/she rides home.

Please share this information with this year's new homeroom teacher for the first day of school. Bus schedules are available online (aacps.org) and will be posted at school. Please look up this important information and share it with the teacher before school begins.



What Bus Do You Ride?

Summer Highlights



SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

LUNCHES

School lunches will be the same price this year (listed below). If your student had money left over on a lunch account (from a previous year) and remains in an Anne Arundel County public school, the money remains on the account and will roll over to this year. If you would like to check a balance, or add money, it is FREE to set up an account on www.mypaymentsplus.com. There is a link on the Bodkin website! Free and Reduced Lunch Applications are available online [here](#). Please pay close attention to the due date for this annual application. If you have any questions, please call the Food & Nutrition Services Office at 410-222-5900 or visit their [site](#).

Breakfast-\$1.50 (Full price)

\$0.00 (Reduced/Free)

Lunch-\$2.75 (Full price)

\$0.00 (Reduced/Free)



Back to School Night

Join us on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:00 pm for Back to School Night for grades 1-5. This event is parent-focused (students should not attend if possible).



SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Our county has provided us with some funding to support families with school supplies, you will only need to provide the highlighted items on the list. Here's the [link](#) for your reference. You may need to replenish as needed. If you need any support with purchasing, please let us know as we have additional funding to support our families.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Are you interested in volunteering at Bodkin this year? We look forward to sharing information and answering your questions. Please visit Mrs. Wenzel at our volunteer table which will be set up at Back to School Night and the New Family Orientation events.

As a reminder, an AACPS background checks are required to volunteer for a field trip, volunteer for a club, to help in a classroom, to make copies, or for an event. Background checks expire every 2 years. Being fingerprinted is required if you will be working one on one with students or for specific field trips (Arlington Echo or Drownproofing), but it does not expire. Please make sure your background check is up to date before volunteering. To find out the status of your background check, email Mrs. Burns in the office at jmburns1@aacps.org or call the school office. To complete a background check, click on Apply for Background Check at the bottom of this [link](#).

FALL PICTURE DAY

Smile for the Camera! Our individual pictures will be taken on Tuesday, October 3. Picture envelopes will be sent home prior to picture day. If you purchase pictures online, please send in the picture envelope with receipt information on picture day. Otherwise, exact cash or check payable to Classic Photography should be sent in the picture envelope. This picture will be used for the yearbook. Also, there will be a make-up picture day on November 17 for anyone interested in a retake or for those absent on picture day. Class pictures will be taken in the Spring.

SAVE THE DATE

**New Student
Orientation
August 24, 2023
1:00pm-2:00pm
Grades 1-5**



**Meet the Teacher
August 24, 2023
2:00pm-3:00pm
Grades PK-5**



HEALTH ROOM TIPS

- If your student is sick, please keep them at home. Our students need to be able to focus on their academic studies and that is hard to do when they don't feel well.
- If a student has a fever of 100.0 degrees or over, they need to be kept home for 24-hours until fever-free without medications. We also recommend testing for COVID with any presentation of a fever, especially over 100.4 degrees.
- AACPS COVID procedures follow the recommendations from the CDC.
 - Symptoms to look out for: sore throat, cough, congestion, fever, and fatigue
 - If your student is positive or exposed, please reach out to the Health Room and we will provide you with the appropriate actions for your student's return to school.
- If your student has a medication they take regularly or as needed that should be kept at school, prescription or over the counter, here are some tips:
 - These can be brought to the Health Room on the first day of school with the appropriate documentation.
 - There is a form that must be filled out by the pediatrician before any medication can be brought to school. If you need a copy, please email nurse2082@aacps.org and we will send it to you.
 - All medications (whether prescription or over the counter) must be new, sealed, in the original packaging it came in, and (if applicable) with the prescription attached.
 - No medication is to be brought to school by a student. It must be brought by an adult with the proper medication administration form signed by a physician.



Green School

CLOTHING TO CASH

A row of colorful flowers in pink, yellow, and red, with green stems and leaves, positioned to the right of the 'Green School' text.

Do you have used items that you are going to donate? Drop them into our Clothing to Cash bin and help our school earn money. Capitol Clothing Recyclers, LLC is a Textile collection company that collects for, buys from, and helps transport clothing and household items for many different charitable non-profit organizations, and some for profit entities. The collection of used products serves two very important purposes.

The first is to provide sustainable fundraising capabilities by providing an outlet to sell used and unwanted clothing, clothing accessories, and household items. For many charities, these funds are life sustaining to their programs.

The second purpose is protecting the environment. Our recycling program keeps millions of pounds of unwanted items out of the landfills. Recycling efforts are growing in America, but are still just a small fraction of what we could be recycling.

Reuse, Re-purpose, Recycle, Don't Throw It Away!



OFFICE NEWS

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Bodkin is having a Flower Power bulbs fundraiser to support teacher incentives and celebrations. Please consider purchasing a flower from this [link](#). Flowers can be purchased from anywhere in the US and will be shipped. If you are not interested in, but would like to donate, you can do so [here](#).

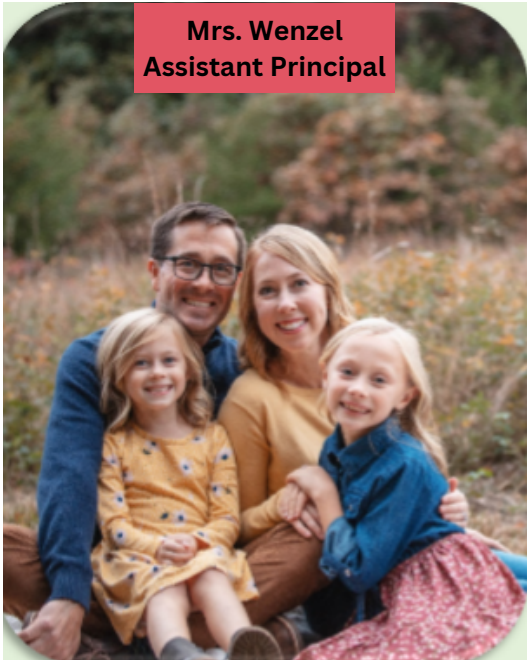
If you are interested in planting, you still have until October 15 to place an order for bulbs! Thank you!



Please see below for upcoming dates

Date	Event	More Information
8/23	Pre-K & Kindergarten Parent Night 5:30pm-6:30pm	Parents will learn about the upcoming school year and what to expect. This is for parents only please.
8/24	New Student Orientation 1:00pm-2:00pm	New parents and students of Bodkin (grades 1-5) will discover how our school runs and meet staff
8/24	Meet The Teacher 2:00pm-3:00pm	All students are encouraged to come to school to meet their new teacher, find their classroom and see who is in their class
8/28	First Day of School for Grades 1-5 & Pre-K & Kindergarten Conferences	Students in grades 1-5 will start school. Scheduled conferences will be held for parents of students in Pre-K and Kindergarten. Bring your Pre-K or K student to meet their new teacher.
8/29	Pre-K & Kindergarten Conferences	Scheduled conferences will be held for parents of students in Pre-K and Kindergarten. Bring your Pre-K or K student to meet their new teacher.
8/30, 8/31, & 9/1	Staggered start days for Pre-K & Kindergarten	Pre-K and K students should come to school ONLY on their scheduled stagger start day.
9/4	Schools Closed for Labor Day	No school
9/5	All Pre-K & Kindergarten students attend	All Pre-K and K students will attend school everyday starting today.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS



Mrs. Wenzel
Assistant Principal

Hello, Bodkin Families, I feel incredibly blessed to join the Bodkin Team! For the past six years, I have worked at Jacobsville – four as IB PYP Coordinator and the last two as Assistant Principal. Since I graduated from Penn State University, I have worked in AACPS as a Classroom Teacher, Instructional Coach, and Advanced Learner Programs Resource Teacher. I am passionate about building relationships and nurturing each student's unique strengths. I live in Pasadena with my husband, two daughters, and our dog Nugget. When I'm not at school, you can find me exploring nature, cheering on my girls at dance or swim, or most frequently at home reading, crafting, and spending time with my family. I look forward

to partnering with you to make your child's elementary journey an amazing experience!

Mrs. Chelsea Wenzel, Assistant Principal

Hello Bodkin Families, I am your new Health Assistant here at Bodkin Elementary School. Last year, I worked at Severna Park Elementary School. I enjoy working with children and I am so excited to be a part of the team. I worked in childcare for 13 years prior to joining School Health. I have 2 children, Lauren and Ryan who attended Bodkin Elementary School many years ago. We have a new puppy, Raven who is 8 weeks old. I look forward to meeting everyone and will be here to help in any way I can.



Hi Bodkin families! My name is Jill Riley, and I am one of the new second grade teachers. As a member of the community, I am very excited to work amongst neighbors and friends here at Bodkin. Since graduating from Towson University, I have worked at AACPS as a Classroom Teacher in first, second, and third grade. I live in Pasadena with my husband and two children, who are students here at Bodkin! When I'm not here at school, you can find me at the baseball field cheering on my son, at field hockey games supporting my daughter, or outside for a walk or run. I'm also a fan of the Ravens and Orioles! I'm really looking forward to

the Ravens and Orioles! I'm really looking forward to meeting everyone and beginning this new adventure with all of the Bodkin families.

Hello Bodkin families! My name is Pam Gavin, and I'm thrilled to join the wonderful 2nd grade team at Bodkin. I've had the privilege of teaching 2nd grade for the past 19 years at High Point and Jacobsville.

I've lived in Pasadena my entire life, and I think it's the perfect place to live and work. When I'm not in the classroom, I enjoy spending time with my family - my amazing husband, three wonderful daughters (currently attending CHS,

CBMS, and Bodkin) and our two playful dogs Lilly and Bubba. I love watching my two older girls cheer and my youngest play soccer. I can't wait to embark on this new journey with Bodkin!



Hi Bodkin families! I am Simone Kenney, and I will be teaching some of your Global Studies classes on Fridays. This is my 8th year in the classroom but my first in Anne Arundel. I am originally from the West Coast and was a career switcher before moving to the DC area and completing my master's in education at George

Washington University. That's where I had an opportunity to study abroad in Germany and developed my love of Global Studies. I have worked mostly with upper elementary students, so I look forward to working with multiple grades this school year. In my free time I love to read historical fiction, am an avid runner and enjoy traveling with my family. National Parks are one of our favorite places to explore and this summer we were fortunate to visit Banff (in Canada) and hike a glacier! I am excited to teach in my local cluster and learn more with you this school year.



Mrs. McDuffie
Special Education

Hi Bodkin Families! My name is Meghan McDuffie, and I will be a new special educator at Bodkin this year. Prior to Bodkin, I taught Special Education at Monarch Academy in Glen Burnie for several years. During that time, I taught various grades, including 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th grades. I also held a leadership position as the IEP Facilitator and Department Chair during my last year at Monarch Academy. Over the past three years, I have worked as a Special Education Resource Teacher through Central Office. During this time, I supported the special education programs within the North County Feeder for grades Pre-K through 12th. I am excited to be

returning to the classroom this year! During the summer months, I enjoy traveling and spending time with my family. I am married with two toddlers and two dogs (a bulldog and a great dane), which makes our household very busy!!



Mrs. Winterling
Part Time Physical
Education

Hello Bodkin families! My name is Jenn Winterling and I am excited to be a part of the Physical Education team with Mrs. Corey! I am at Lake Shore Elementary for most of my teaching day, but look forward to joining Bodkin on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. When not teaching P.E, I love to spend time with my family participating in anything active...from sports, to hiking, traveling, climbing, exploring - whatever keeps us moving! I am a mother of three! My youngest is about to be 11 and he keeps us busy playing travel baseball, basketball and studying Tae Kwon Do! I enjoy coaching basketball as well as helping my husband with his Lake Shore Bluesox baseball team! I have over 20 years' experience in education

with 7 of those years being with AACPS. It is my first year in Physical Education and I am excited to learn, grow, and teach! I look forward to welcoming your children and making movement engaging, purposeful and fun!

INTRODUCING...



Hi Bodkin Families! My name is Elizabeth Heist and I will be the part-time general music teacher at Bodkin. I started teaching in the 2012-2013 school year. I've been teaching general music and chorus in Anne Arundel County for 11 years. For most of those years I have been at Lake Shore and Bodkin, but last year I was placed at Lake Shore and Jacobsville. . This year I am back to Lake Shore and Bodkin and I am super excited to see former students/families and meet new faces! I have been in the Chesapeake Cluster since I started teaching and absolutely love it! I love the close-knit family feel that the Chesapeake cluster has. I was born and raised in

Somerset, PA and moved to MD in February of 2013. My mom still lives in Pennsylvania, and I love to go back and visit her whenever I can. I am actively involved my church where I direct Vacation Bible School, lead youth group, teach toddlers church, and sing in praise team. I live in Glen Burnie and have 2 older siblings (both are teachers as well)! I am also a Color Street Stylist which is something fun that I enjoy doing on the side. In my free time I love to cross-stich and read. I am looking forward to making music with my students this year and can't wait for an awesome year together!

Hello Bodkin families! My name is Kimberly (Kim) Pine, RN and I am the school nurse here at Bodkin. I started last April here at Bodkin and Lake Shore Elementary and I am absolutely thrilled to be here. I have been a school nurse for 7 years and love working with all the students. When I am not working, I enjoy going to concerts, shopping and spending time with my family. I have 2 children and a dog. Please feel free to stop by or call with any questions or concerns about your student and their health needs.



SUPER TIPS & TRICKS FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

- **Plan.** Use a calendar and make a plan for the family to include sports, extracurricular, school events, birthday parties and homework/projects.
- **Tighten up on screen/phone/tablet/gaming time.** Regardless of your child's technology interests, having a healthy balance is, well, healthier.
- **Schedule time to read together** (tell them it's a Bodkin requirement).
- **Sleep...take a look at bed times and sleep as students transition back to school especially with our new schedule.** Elementary age children require 10-11 hours and some need a little more.
- **Talk...check in.** How is your child feeling about coming back? Schedule a playdate or time to meet friends at a park or other outing. Seeing friends/classmates before the first day can help your child feel more connected as they return.
- **Create a cool study space.** While collecting back to school supplies, create a home area reserved for homework/projects. Buy extra pencils, a sharpener, paper, markers, glue, and scissors for at home availability.
- **Designate a drop spot for bookbags/instruments, etc. for easy-breezy mornings.**
- **Practice using the evenings as a "get ready" time.** Set out clothes, pack lunch, and scan the plan for the next day/evening activities. Evaluate how it is going. Let the kids have some say in the plan and it is likely to work out easier.
- **Set up a file (or bin) for school papers.** It can be a great drop spot for kiddos and serve as great reminders.
- **Stay involved.** Something is sent home with your child most days. Be sure your child(ren) use the planner, stay on top of Parent Portal, and check the take-home folder nightly. It can be helpful to network with classmates when there are questions.
- **Connect with your child's teacher.** If there is something you think would be helpful for your child's teacher to know as he/she gets to know your child...reach out. Send a quick email or call.

Jennifer Elsis

jelsis@aacps.org 410-437-0464



Welcome Back!

Looks like another super year ahead at Bodkin! I'm excited to return as your school counselor and look forward to helping your child(ren) and family on your journey ahead. Up, up, and away we will soar!

If your child could use a bit of help getting back into the swing of things, please let me know how I can be of help. I am looking forward to meeting our new families at the New Family Orientation and seeing everyone else at our Meet & Greet.

School Supplies & Holiday Assistance

If your family needs help with school supplies, please let me know. We have many businesses and community members who reach out and offer extra donations. The Bodkin School community also offers assistance for Thanksgiving and support with holiday gifts. Please call me if your family would benefit from some extra help.

PTA News



Lena Kaba
President



Corinne Zeruto
Vice President I



Nikki Allender
Vice President II



Amanda Camhi
Treasurer



Nikki Baker
Secretary

**Next PTA Meeting is Tuesday, September 12 at
6:00pm @ Bodkin Elementary**

PTA WEBSITE - www.bodkinpta.weebly.com
FACEBOOK – facebook/BODKIN ELEMENTARY PTA

PTA MEMBERSHIPS

Sign up for your PTA membership today by using this [link](#). Join by September 22, 2023 to be entered into a raffle! We have a prize for Staff Members and Bodkin Families! PTA members will receive 50% off our Father Daughter and Mother Son events this year.

APPRECIATION STATION

Multiple volunteers are needed to help purchase and stock the snack/drink cart in the teachers lounge weekly. Sign up on this [link](#).

SPIRIT WEAR

I bet you can't wait to see our Plant Kindness and Watch it Grown themed spirit wear! Information will be coming soon so stay tuned.

SPIRIT STICKS

Spirit Stick Orders are due September 22! The order form is attached. Make sure to send it in with your student today. What are Spirit Sticks? Spirit

Sticks are small custom-embroidered patches that students can earn, collect, and display on their bookbags. Each Bodkin Bulldog received a grade spirit stick and ring the first week of school! Spirit Sticks® promote school spirit and your student will even be able to earn them from teachers and administrators. Surprise your student for birthdays and holidays throughout the year.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Special shout out to the committee volunteers who have been working hard in making sure our school looks great and our amazing staff is taken care of. Without them we couldn't do it! Thank you Amanda Camhi and family - Indoor Beautification for making our hallways look amazing. Make sure to check it out at the Meet the Teacher event. Thank you to the parents who have donated to our staff [Amazon Wish Lists](#). It is much appreciated.



ONGOING WAYS TO HELP

Box Tops

Box Tops is digital! Please make sure to download the [boxtops4education](#) app for a super easy way to earn \$ for the PTA. Simply sign up for Bodkin, scan your store receipts, and you're done! No clipping or sending them in to school.

Harris Teeter

When you shop at Harris Teeter, let them know you support Bodkin. Go to the customer service desk with your VIP card and have them put Bodkin PTA on your card. We'll earn \$ every time you purchase HT brand items!

**CHESAPEAKE CLUSTER
TRUNK OR TREAT**

PRESENTED BY CHESAPEAKE CLUSTER SCHOOL PTAS

**10/14/23
3-6 PM**

**CHESAPEAKE BAY
MIDDLE SCHOOL
4804 MOUNTAIN RD.**

**WE'VE
MOVED**

Follow us on Facebook
"2023 Chesapeake
Cluster Trunk or Treat"

**REGISTRATION
CLOSES 10/1/23**

**COSTUME & TRUNK
CONTESTS**

**FOOD TRUCKS
CANDY
VENDORS
MUSIC**

The poster features a dark blue background with a subtle marbled texture. It is decorated with purple bat silhouettes in the top left, orange spider webs in the top right and bottom left, and a QR code in the middle left. The text is in various colors (green, orange, white, red) and fonts, some with a dripping effect. A purple speech bubble with a location pin icon contains the text 'WE'VE MOVED'.



JOIN THE 23-24 PTA

JOIN BY 9/22 TO BE ENTERED INTO OUR
RAFFLE!

Join today and receive 1/2 OFF Admission to the
Mother/Son OR Daddy/Daughter Event!

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO JOIN THE PTA!!!!



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TO JOIN THE PTA!!!!



Family Membership = \$15
Staff/Teacher/Administration Membership = \$10

USE THIS LINK TO JOIN THE PTA!!!!

<https://bodkin-pta-2023-2024-copy.cheddarup.com>

2023-2024 Spirit Sticks

**Send your children some fun
during the school year!**

Can't decide on just 1 Holiday/Event Spirit Stick – order them all!

PTA will deliver them to your Bulldog during each holiday/event week.

Birthday/ Half Birthday Spirit Sticks will be delivered
within 2 weeks of the requested date



\$1 per Spirit Stick

ORDER FORM – Return by 9/22/23

One form per child

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Phone or email: _____

SPIRIT STICKS

Indicate the number of sticks

Halloween _____ x \$1

Fall Fun _____ x \$1

Christmas/Holiday _____ x \$1 (**CIRCLE WHICH STICK**)

Winter Fun _____ x \$1

Valentine's Day _____ x \$1 Only One Design

100 Days of School _____ x \$1

Spring Fun _____ x \$ ⁻ Only One Design

Easter _____ x \$1

4Fun Surprise Stick _____ x \$1 Only One Design

Summertime _____ x \$ ⁻ Only One Design

OTHER FUN THINGS

Bodkin Spirit Rings 1 key ring @ \$5 _____

2 key rings @ \$8 _____

3 key rings @ \$10 _____

Birthday &/or Half-Birthday _____ x \$1

Birthday &/OR Half Birthday

MUST INCLUDE A DATE

\$ _____
Total included

Cash or Check
Make Checks to Bodkin PTA

*If you send 1 check for multiple
children – please send all order forms
together*

Spirit Rings



Get your Bulldog one of our custom-embroidered key rings to display their Spirit Sticks! Spirit Rings™ work great on backpacks, lunch boxes, instrument cases, jackets and more.

\$5 each, 2 for \$8 or 3 for \$10

Birthday Grams

Your paragraph text

You can send fun to your child for their birthday, or ½ birthday. Please let us know if it's their ½ birthday.



Half-Birthday Design

PLEASE NOTE: Birthdays outside of the school year will be distributed in June unless specified otherwise



Birthday Design
Or Similar

This Year's Designs

- Specific design requests cannot be guaranteed



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- If multiple sticks are ordered for the same holiday, your child will not receive a duplicate.
- Not all stick designs have been released yet.

Questions – kamyers678@gmail.com

Community News & Events

Nearby Library Events

Severna Park Library

9/6 Board Game Night 6:30pm-8:30pm (all ages)

Use our space to play board games with friends or make new ones. Bring your favorite game or choose from our selection including everything from chess to checkers to modern classics.

Severna Park Library

9/11 Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club 5:00pm-6:00pm (ages 11+)

Join your fellow adventurers as we read a Choose Your Own Adventure book and decide together which path our group should take. After, we will do an activity related to the story. Snacks provided! Registration for this event will be open from August 28, 2023 @ 10:00am to September 11, 2023 @ 5:00pm. Allowed Grades: 6th Grade to 8th Grade

Severna Park Library

9/12 Pajama Family Storytime 6:00pm-7:00pm (ages 0-10)

Families with young children enjoy a variety of stories, songs, rhymes and movement activities while building early literacy skills. Severna Park Library invites you to come enjoy a special evening storytime with your little ones - just before bedtime! Pajamas are encouraged, and you can even bring your favorite stuffie. We will read books, sing songs, and have fun while learning.

Severna Park Library

9/13 Early Reader Book Club 4:00pm-5:00pm (grades K-2)

Children in K-2 can practice their reading skills through group reading, activities and games based on popular beginner reader books. Each session will focus on a different theme. Registration for this event will be open from August 30, 2023 @ 10:00am to September 13, 2023 @ 4:00pm.

Severna Park Library

9/20 Lego Challenge 4:00pm-4:45pm (ages 6+)

Take the Lego Challenge and build a masterpiece! Lego creations will be displayed afterwards.

Severna Park Library

9/23 A Musical Journey to Latin America with Cantaré 11:00am-12:00pm (all ages)

Cantaré introduces audiences to the beautiful songs and rhythms of Latin America, drawing from the musical heritage of the Caribbean, Central and South America. Cantaré performs songs in Spanish and Portuguese, while sharing the music's cultural and historical background. Audiences learn about the history of Latin America and the different cultures that shaped their music - Native American, European and African - while becoming familiar with the languages, rhythms and musical instruments from the different countries. In this highly interactive bilingual performance for the whole family, audiences are invited to sing, play percussion and dance a basic Latin rhythm such as salsa or merengue.



Severna Park Library

9/27 Rad Readers Book Club: Dragon in the Library by Louie Stowell 4:00pm-5:00pm (grades 3-5)

Does your 3rd-5th grader like to read, play games, and have fun? Join our RAD Readers book club for kids in grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Prior to our in-person program, you'll read "The Dragon in the Library" by Louie Stowell. We'll discuss the book, play some games, and do a fun activity. If you have any questions, please call the Severna Park Branch at 410-222-6290. Book Club will be held in the Community Meeting room at Severna Park Branch. Registration for this event will be open from September 13, 2023 @ 10:00am to September 27, 2023 @ 4:00pm.



Join Girl Scouts



Troop 04278 has just started and is looking for Brownies (2, 3) to join.

For information, contact Anne Pokrifka at

girlscouttroop04278@gmail.com
or 412-952-7466



Join Cub Scouts

All children in grades K through 5 are welcome to join. We have lots of fun planned throughout the year and meet right across the street from Bodkin! Contact us today at:
recruiter@mdpack412.org.

Pasadena's High Adventure Troop



For youth who are 11 to 17 years old.
Please Contact us if you'd be like to arrange a visit!
All are welcome.

WEEKLY MEETINGS
7:30pm-9:00pm on Thursdays
Magothy United Methodist Church
3703 Mountain Rd

PasadenaTroop1785.weebly.com
Facebook.com/Troop1785

Hancock Extended Family and Friends Day



This picture is of Christmas at the Cook house in 1956.

September 17, 2023
1-4pm
Free event

Hancock's
RESOLUTION

9TH ANNUAL arts in the park FREE FESTIVAL

CAC'S 9TH ANNUAL **ARTS IN THE PARK FESTIVAL**

Free ALL AGES

Our Annual Arts in the Park festival will be bigger and better than ever - with art activities, art and community vendors, food trucks, performances and more! And it's all Free. Mark your calendars now for this event that brings nearly 1,000 community residents together to celebrate, support, and connect through the arts.

Saturday, September 30 10 am - 3 pm

To register or find out more information about the festival, visit CHESAPEAKEARTS.ORG/ARTSINTHEPARK

Maryland Renaissance Festival

TICKETS

Bring Cash !!!

2023 Festival Dates
The 47th Annual Maryland Renaissance Festival Begins August 26, 2023
August 26, 27
September 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30
October 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 & 22
10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Bring Cash !!!

Anne Arundel County Fair 1952

Sept. 13 - Sept. 17

Anne Arundel County River Days



This event is FREE and includes fun activities for the whole family:

- Live Music
- Food Trucks
- Boat Rides with Watermark Charters - RSVP Required
- Kayak & Paddle Board Rentals
- County Agencies
- Face Painting
- Games
- Crafts
- Storytime with Anne Arundel County Public Library
- Environmental Organizations

Sunday, August 27th 10:00AM - 2:00PM
Quiet Waters Park, Annapolis
Register now at aacounty.org/riverdays

DOWNSPARK BAYSIDE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

SEPTEMBER | 4:30PM - 6:30PM

9/10 The 229th Army Band, MDARNG
9/17 Kaleidoscope
9/24 Dean Crawford & the Dunn's River Band

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FREE PARK ENTRY!



The **MARYLAND STATE FAIR**

PRESENTED BY **TOYOTA**



2023 Maryland State Fair Dates
AUGUST 24 - 27 | AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 4 | SEPTEMBER 7 - 10

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JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE LAST DAYS OF SUMMER!

SMOKED CHICKEN, SIDES AND TOMAHAWK JIM'S SEASONED CORN

SNOWBALLS & SOFT SERVE ICE CREAM

Food, Treats, Music and FUN!

4553 Mountain Rd., Pasadena

PASADENA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL Crab Feast!

Crack some crabs on Monday, September 25, 2023 at Twain's Tavern. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the PBA Veterans Memorial Flag Site Fund. Buy tickets [here](#).